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SUBJ: SCG DISCUSSION TOPICS

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1. AS INDICATED REFTEL, DURING SCG MEETING DECEMBER 17 PARTICIPANTS AGREED UPON LIST OF TOPICS TO BE TAKEN UP BY SCG OVER NEXT TEN MEETINGS OR SO. LIST OF TOPICS WAS DEVISED FIRST SEPARATELY BY EACH SIDE (EMBASSY AND COMUSJAPAN COLLABORATED ON OURS) AND THEN COMPARED PRIOR TO MEETING. LIST OF TOPICS APPROVED AT MEETING REPRESENTED COMPOSITE OF RESPECTIVE IDEAS, MANY OF WHICH HAD BEEN IDENTICAL OR OVERLAPPING.

2. FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS AGREED UPON:

I. CONCEPT OF SELF-DEFENSE

1. BASIC DEFENSE POSTURE AS CONCEIVED BY THE GOJ, INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF SELF-DEFENSE (DEFENSE FOR EXCLUSIVELY DEFENSIVE PURPOSES), WITH SOME REFERENCE TO THE EVALUATION OF  
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THREAT TO JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST, AND THE ROLE THE US IS EX-

PECTED TO PLAY IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS POSTURE.

2. POSSIBLE NON-MILITARY RESPONSES BY BOTH USG AND GOJ TO THREATS TO SECURITY IN THE FAR EAST.

## II. US MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASIA

1. US FORCES POSTURE AND DEPLOYMENT PATTERN IN ASIA AND ITS FUTURE BASE STRUCTURE IN THE REGION.

2. JAPANESE VIEW OF THE APPROPRIATE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN.

3. INCREASE OF THE DETERRENCE EFFECT OF THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION BY INCREASING THE APPRECIATION OF THE US ROLE AND EVIDENCE OF THE US PRESENCE AND CAPABILITIES.

## III. RESOURCES

### A. BASE-RELATED PROBLEMS

1. PROBLEMS RELATED TO BASES IN JAPAN SUCH AS CONSOLIDATION AND REALIGNMENT.

2. PROBLEMS SUCH AS PROSPECT OF REENTRY ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE SECURITY TREATY AND RELATED AGREEMENTS.

### B. OTHER RESOURCES

1. PROBABLE EFFECT ON US AND JAPANESE MILITARY ACTIVITIES CREATED BY ENERGY SHORTAGES AND THE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES ON MILITARY RESOURCES.

2. POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASED US FORCES' CONTRACTING WITH JAPANESE FIRMS FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES AND SERVICES.

3. POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCOMMODATING US FORCES CONTINGENCY PLAN NEED FOR JAPANESE RESOURCES.

## IV. SUBJECT OF JOINT MILITARY INTEREST

1. JOINT MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF INTELLIGENCE, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

3. TOPIC II 3 (INCREASE OF THE DETERRENCE EFFECT OF THE US  
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MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION) WAS PROPOSED BY US SIDE FOR DUAL PURPOSE OF DRAWING OUT OF GOJ PARTICIPANTS THEIR VIEWS OF VALUE OF VISIBLE PRESENCE, PARTICULARLY OF SEVENTH FLEET AND OF PROVIDING MEANS TO EXPRESS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO PROBABLE APPRECIATION IN EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES OF VALUABLE DEFENSIVE ROLE PLAYED BY US FORCES STATIONED HERE.

4. TOPIC III B 2 PROPOSED BY US SIDE PRINCIPALLY FOR PURPOSE

OF DEMONSTRATING DIFFICULTY OF INCREASING OUR RELIANCE ON CONTRACTORS FOR ESSENTIAL MILITARY SERVICES, SUCH AS SHIP REPAIR.

5. ON ASSUMPTION THAT OTHER TOPICS ARE MORE OR LESS SELF-EXPLANATORY, EMBASSY REQUESTS WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDERATION OF ANY POINTS WE SHOULD STRESS DURING UPCOMING SCG MEETINGS AND ANY OTHER GUIDANCE FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS.  
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